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11. (SBU) On November 16, we followed up our September 22 delivery of reftel dipnote and accompanying aide memoire with MFA Multilateral Economic Relations Director Zikal who is responsible for IMO issues for the Czech government. He reported that so far the Czech government had been approached by 11 candidates for the 10 category A seats, including Liberia which had unsuccessfully ran for a Class C seat two years ago. He noted that two years ago there had been no election as there were only ten candidates for the ten seats.

It was his understanding that the Czech Republic would be able to vote up to ten times and was thus certain that the Czech government would support the U.S.'s candidacy (as well as everyone else's beside Liberia).
Thompson-Jones